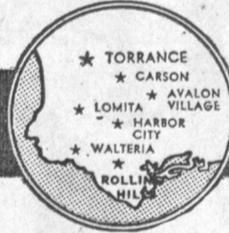


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CITY RACES TO RECORD VOTE

Registrars Blanket City to Aid Torrance Voters

Field deputies are covering every part of Torrance to aid voters in registering for the coming elections, the registrar of voters announced today.

Many of these places are private residences, however, many registration tables have been set up in shopping centers as well, he declared.

Persons who should register or re-register for the coming elections are those who have changed their addresses since they last registered; those who have changed their names since last registered; those who desire to change their political affiliation, and those whose registrations were cancelled because they did not vote in either the primary or general election in 1958.

Also, those who have become of age and those persons who are new residents in Los Angeles County.

Those who have not registered as yet may do so during reasonable hours throughout the week, as well as on Sunday. The following field deputies are available to register voters:

Mmes. D. Sherlock, 18510 Ermanita Ave., DA 3-8806; (Continued on Page A2)

Silent Treatment Disturbs Mute, Obtains Divorce

Complaining about the "silent treatment" dealt out by her husband, who is a deaf mute, a Torrance woman, also a deaf mute, won a divorce decree this week.

Testifying in sign language, Mrs. Elzira Gutsch, 40, said her husband, Edmund, 42, was frequently argumentative and "bossy."

Representing the couple was Attorney Charles H. Mephram, who understands sign language since both his parents are deaf mutes. Representing most of the deaf mutes seeking divorces in Los Angeles, he communicates with his clients in sign language.

During the hearing, Mrs. Gutsch, mother of four, exclaimed through her interpreter that her husband "started arguments," afterward becoming depressed and refusing to talk with her.

Adding to the testimony was Mrs. Flodell Dobbs, also a deaf mute, who testified before Superior Judge Roger Alton Pfaff by using signs and symbols.

Meeting at a deaf mute convention in Santa Cruz, the couple were married in Reno Nov. 20, 1941. They have been separated since May 4. The court awarded Mrs. Gutsch \$50 per week for child support.

Police Assign Cross Guards

Crossing guards will be posted at 23 locations during this school year, according to the Torrance Police.

The police indicated that after study, they had selected locations considered most dangerous for posting of the crossing guards. Guards are assigned from 30 to 45 minutes before and after school and 15 minutes before and after lunch periods.

The police indicated that they would study several other locations to determine hazards to youngsters.

Crossing will be located at:

Lincoln School, 166th and Arlington; Arlington School, 178th and Arlington; Hamilton School, 182nd and Crenshaw; Yukon School, 182nd and Yukon; Crenshaw School, 187th and Crenshaw; Edison School, 182nd and Doty; Perry and Madison Schools, 174th and Prairie; Magruder School, 186th and Hawthorne; Fern-Greenwood School, Fern Ave. and Torrance Blvd.; Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd. Fern Ave. and Carson; Madrona School, Torrance Blvd. and Madrona; Maple and Torrance Blvd.; Torrance Elementary, Arlington and Plaza del Amo; Jefferson School, Carson and Kent Ave.; Anza School, Palos Verdes Blvd. and Ruby; Wood School, Arlington Ave. and Gramercy; Hillside School, Crenshaw Blvd. and Dalemead; Walteria School, Hawthorne and Pacific Coast Hwy.; Meadow Park, 230th and Hawthorne; Parkway, Calle Miramar and Palos Verdes Blvd.; Adams School, 237th and Arlington; Flavian School, Anza and Hallison.

City Councilman Beasley Stricken

City councilman J. H. Beasley is resting well today, after suffering a heart attack Friday evening. The civic leader and insurance man is in South Bay Community Hospital.

A resident of Torrance for the past 15 years, Beasley and his wife and daughter, Carol, 13, live at 24248 Ward St. Dr. Paul Bower reported his condition as "good" today.



SHOVELING TIME — Torrance's newest huge shopping center got under way this week as ground was broken for the vast Rolling Hills Plaza area at Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy. Scores of leading merchants and stores have leased space in the center, according to Neal Howard, agent. Looking with the Mayor here are James Bower and Albert Levitt, developers.

Walteria Dons Holiday Mood for Carnival Today

Walteria hung out its most colorful bunting for its annual Roundup Days' Carnival' underway all day today, and looked forward to a record turnout of visitors.

From early morning until late in the evening, there will be scores of attractions, dance ensembles, bands, as well as many valuable prizes given away free, according to Virgil Hancock, and Robert Waegner, chairmen.

The annual event received a spirited send-off Friday, when Terry Taylor was crowned queen.

The entire South Bay area is invited to attend the carnival free of charge, held in Walteria Park, Hawthorne Blvd. west of Highway 101, the men announced.

Slated to appear today on the program are Merlin the famous magician, the Rex Middleton Hi-Fi Quintet, Carl Jordan's Quartet, the Torrance Youth Band, dances by members of the Cinderella Dancing Academy, and a display of championship Shetland ponies from Rancho Rambo.

The following area businessmen and civic leaders are assigned to committees:

Publicity: Loring Bigelow, Tom Jones, Virgil Hancock, John Stretch; food concessions: Nate Gordon, John Chiavdano, B Hill Reist, Cliff Cooper, Fred Kita, Chris Sorenson, George Brand, Maze Moton; Martin Burke, Ed

Stepfather Wins Custody of Two in Divorce Case

Presenting photographs of his wife in bed with his former stepson, Frank Ames, 50, owner of a Torrance cleaners, won custody of his two step-children following divorce proceedings Thursday.

The photographs were taken of Cynthia Ames, 25, and Mark Morrison, 23, by a private detective.

Explaining the pictures, Mrs. Ames said she had retired and Morrison must have slipped into bed with her while she was sleeping.

Rebutting the explanation, Superior Judge Walter H. Oldeman commented, "How naive does she think a judge can be?"

Custody of the two children, 8 and 9, was awarded to the stepfather. However, Mrs. Ames was allowed visitation privileges.

Door-to-Door Canvass Spurs Voting Contest

With Los Angeles in a "voter registration race" against Detroit, New York, Chicago, Boston and Baltimore, Torrance has rolled up its sleeves to turn in an "absolutely 100 per cent registration of voters, as the top city in the county," Mayor Albert Isen announced today.

"More excitement and voter interest has been shown in the coming election than in many years," the Mayor declared.

In addition to hundreds of citizens volunteering for a door-to-door canvass, urging their neighbors to register, downtown merchants, civic

and service clubs and scores of shopping centers are participating in the drive, the Mayor said.

Auto Dealers Aid Local automobile dealers are also aiding the all-out effort by making cars available to drive voters to registration sites.

These include Ted Green, owner, Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo Ave., FA 8-1640; Vel Mileich, Vel's Ford, 1420 Cabrillo Ave., FA 8-5014; Dwight Eubank, Rambler, 1885 Torrance Blvd., FA 8-9222; and Von Moffett, DeVon Motors, Plymouth dealers, 1600 Cabrillo Ave., FA 8-6161.

A survey of businesses and shopping centers throughout Torrance reveals registration tables are manned by deputies at the Del Amo Center, Magic Chef, Sears, Bank of America at Sartori and Post Ave., the Post Office, McCowan Drug Store, Lucky

Market, the registration headquarters, 1952 Pacific Coast Highway, and a number of smaller shops.

As of the June primaries, there were 38,971 registered voters in Torrance, against a population count of 103,600, city hall officials declared.

In the last municipal election, 10,774 voters in Torrance turned out to vote.

"If Torrance is to maintain its reputation as an All-American city, it is absolutely imperative that every citizen in Torrance register and vote in the coming elections," the Mayor urged.

Winner of the race throughout the county will be decided on the basis of the largest registration in relation to population and the biggest percentage of voter turnout in November.

Thursday, Sept. 15 is the last day to register, the Mayor reminded.

Editorial

In the next five days, Torrance faces one of the greatest challenges of our time—and the time is short—to turn out the greatest number of registered voters of any city in the United States, and TO VOTE.

Cities, like people, decay from within. Complacency, smugness, and living on dreams of yesterday's accomplishments, are lorelle witch-sisters, leading men to decadence and civic disintegration.

Because Torrance rose to the heights a few short years ago, and was honored as the "All-American" city, does not mean it can coast on its laurels.

The chance to vote does not return. The gauntlet has been flung in a race to make Torrance the number one city of any in the nation, with the highest number of qualified men and women registered and voted.

Not one qualified voter should remain indifferent. Illiteracy is not a vast problem in Torrance, where families live well, where there is enough food and clothing and jobs to go around.

Civic pride, respect for oneself as a free individual in a free land, and the need to set an example for your children demand that YOU register and VOTE.

There is nothing partisan when you register. Your registration and your vote are vital.



TRUMPETEERS — Mrs. Sylvia Romm, clarinetist, and her son, Ronnie, 13, sail off on a musical note in preparation for the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony Orchestra concert today at 7:30 p.m. Concert, sponsored by local recreation department, is free.

Torrance Symphony Offers Concert Tonight

Torrance's own version of symphonies under the stars will sing out tonight, when the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony Orchestra stages a "starlight concert" at the Torrance Park Bandshell, Arlington and Santa Fe Aves.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a vesper performance delivered by members of the Torrance Ministerial Association.

Directed by Elyse Aehle, of Palos Verdes, the 70-piece orchestra will play selections from Ravel, Offenbach and Kern. Numbers include "Pavane," "Gaité Parisienne" and songs from "Showboat."

Featured soloist include Mrs. Sylvia Romm, radio and television clarinetist, and her son, Ronald, 13, widely acclaimed for his trumpet virtuosity.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Organized in 1945, the area-wide orchestra has distinguished itself for a number of "firsts," according to Miss Aehle. The group presents four to eight concerts each season.

Directors of the symphony include Jan Darian, formerly with the Berlin Philharmonic, Charles Henry Wortham, Mmes. Daisy Odum Geery and Viola Niland.

General Services Adm. May Reverse on 26-Acre Site

The 26-acre Naval Surplus Site in Torrance, sought by the Torrance Unified School Board as potential expansion area after it was declared surplus by the General Services Area, may yet avoid industry's hands, despite a recent ruling by the GSA.

In a letter sent by Curtis A. Roos, director of disposal (Continued on Page A2)

Huge \$2 Million AiResearch Plant Opens Here Soon

AiResearch will take possession of its new \$2.6 million facility in Torrance, early next month, according to Richard E. Palmer, division manager. Plans call for full operation in the new plant by the end of the year.

Approximately 800 employees will be transferred to the new facility, the first building to be built in a one-million square foot complex erected by AiResearch's parent organization, The Garrett Corporation.

The Garrett Corporation is a sprawling organization of diversified interests which have aided in development of U.S. aviation.

President of one of Torrance's newest industrial firms is J. C. "Cliff" Garrett, who heads eight divisions and two subsidiaries of the company which bears his name. Total employment is 10,000, with annual sales around \$225,000,000.

Growth of the AiResearch Manufacturing Division, which employs 4500 with

80 per cent living in the South Bay cities, began 21 years ago, in 1939.

Garrett, then head of a small Los Angeles aircraft supply firm, was engaged in dinner talk with some Boeing Aircraft engineers. Together, they were expounding on the possibility of pressurized flight for all commercial aircraft, predicting it was 20 years away.

Garrett, sold on the principle (Continued on Page A-2)

Civic Official, Bike-Rider Crash

Torrance planning director George C. Powell wasn't planning when he emerged from the City Hall Friday evening.

Driving slowly coming out of the City Hall, Powell, 4017 Bluff St., was run into by 10 year old bicyclist, Robert Belden, 1316 Cota. The youngster, suffering a possible broken left leg, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital.



FIRST SHELTER—Members of the James Tuttle family (left to right) Ronnie, Donnie, Tommie and Mrs. Tuttle, try out the underground fallout shelter, first in Torrance, under construction at their home at 17805 Doty Ave.

Bomb Shelter Built for Tuttle Family

"Bombs Away" won't bother the James Tuttle family, 17805 Doty Ave., for the family is the first in Torrance to have a fallout shelter, which is being built by the Nuclear Survival Corporation of Los Angeles.

The shelter, to be constructed to accommodate six persons for 30 days, completely independent of outside sources, will have its own elec-

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EAT HEARTY—This is the suggestion offered by Torrance Unified School Board Superintendent J. H. Hull and School Board President William C. Boswell, as new Fern Elementary School teacher Mardell Smith

loads her plate. More than 300 new teachers were treated to a steak fry this week, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and many local industries.